

## Terse Board/Commission Description

1. Planning Commission - The Planning Commission is responsible for developing and recommending how land owned by the city should be use and managed. The Planning Commission also makes sure that the City is following rules and regulations regarding the management of land.

2. Conservation Board- The responsibilities of the Conservation Board are as follows: advise the City on matters pertaining to the wellbeing of the environment, protecting local wetlands, natural areas, and the regional environment.

5. Church Street Marketplace District Commission- The responsibilities of the Church Street Marketplace District Commission include: responsible and competent management to an economically vibrant downtown that is clean, safe, and prosperous. The commission consists of business owners, property owners and citizens. It meets the third Wednesday of every month at 8 am. A college student is preferred.

6. Fire Commission- The Fire Commission is responsible for ensuring public safety by preventing fires, providing emergency medical services, and by educating the public about fire control and safety.

7. Library Commission- The Fletcher Free Library is responsible for serving the community in the ways of providing access to information whether that is from books, the internet, or other means. The Library is responsible for keeping the public well informed and to aid the education of every resident of the City of Burlington.

8. Neighborhood Planning Assemblies (NPA) Steering Committee – Each neighborhood in Burlington has a Neighborhood Planning Assembly, which is a platform for citizens to voice

their opinions about public issues that affect them. Through this platform they can advise the City of their concerns and needs. The NPA offers an innovative way like no other to engage the community on small and large issues alike. Each NPA Steering Committee, or leadership team, plans the agenda for their monthly meetings, connects their neighbors with City government, and communicates with their community about issues affecting them. The commitment would be for one year or more and would involve attending the monthly two-hour NPA meetings, as well as monthly one-hour planning meetings.

9. Parks and Recreation Commission- The Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for enhancing the quality of life of the residents of Burlington by providing affordable recreation programs, by managing public trees and property, and by managing the Burlington harbor and making it a desirable destination for water based activities.

10. Police Commission- The Police Commission is a board of five residents appointed by City Council. Their duties include to make rules and regulations for the government of the Police Force and to finance the police department.

11. Restorative Justice Panel- Restorative Justice Panels are made up of teams of 3-5 volunteers who meet with offenders and victims of crimes to address the harm caused by low-level crimes in the community. The Panel's mission is to hold an offender accountable for the effects of their actions on others. They discuss the circumstances and impact of the crime and ways the offender can avoid making similar mistakes in the future.

12. Burlington School Board- The duty of the Burlington School Board is to build upon our core academic strengths; the Burlington Schools' vision features increasing community connections, enhancing arts and music, and developing hands-on learning.